IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | |) | |
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| | | : | Examiner: James A. Thompson |
| Hiroshi NOBUTA, et al. | |) | - |
| | | : | Group Art Unit: 2625 |
| Application No.: 08/579,733 | |) | |
| | | : | Confirmation No.: 4611 |
| Filed: December 28, 1995 | |) | |
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| For: | IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
| | DEVICE AND METHOD | : | November 6, 2006 (Monday) |

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated August 4, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: